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10:45PM URGENT 5-28-68 DPK

TO DIRECTOR (44-38861), NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA (44-2386), AND
MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM LOS ANGELES (44-1574)

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ALLAN O. THOMPSON, MANAGER, ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES,
NOW ADVISES HAD CONVERSATION WITH CAUCASIAN MALE, WHOM HE REFUSES
TO IDENTIFY, WHICH PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF CERTAIN EVENTS
WHICH CONCERNS JAMES EARL RAY NOT EARLIER RECALLED. THOMPSON SAID
THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL INQUIRED ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN
JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT, AND A CAUCASIAN MALE BY
THE NAME OF JAMES HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL
APPROACHED HIM IN EFFORT TO QUOTE GET A PIECE OF THE ACTION
UNQUOTE CONCERNING THE REWARD MONEY. THOMPSON SAID THAT AS
A RESULT THIS CONVERSATION, HE NOW RECALLS DURING PERIOD MARCH
ONE LAST TO MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST HE RECEIVED CALL FOR ERIC GALT
WHILE OPERATING HOTEL SWITCHBOARD. THOMPSON SAID WHEN HE ADVISED
THE CALLER ERIC GALT HAD NO TELEPHONE IN HIS ROOM, THE MAN
REQUESTED HIM TO LEAVE MESSAGE FOR ERIC GALT TO CALL JAMES C.
HARDIN COLLECT. THIS CALLER PROVIDED THE CITY AND OPERATOR
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BER, AS WELL AS NAME JAMES C. HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID
RELAYED THIS INFORMATION TO GALT. THOMPSON ADVISED HE WAS
TE SURE AS TO SPELLING OF NAME.

THOMPSON ADVISED THAT SUBSEQUENT TO INITIAL TELEPHONE CALL
RE WAS ONE OTHER, POSSIBLY TWO, CALLS BY THIS SAME INDIVIDUAL.
ADVISED THESE CALLS CAME FROM BOTH ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.
SAID SUBSEQUENT TO THESE TELEPHONE CALLS A PERSON WHO
NTIFIED HIMSELF AS JAMES C. HARDIN CAME TO ST. FRANCIS HOTEL
ETIME DURING PERIOD OF MARCH ONE TO SEVENTEEN, SIXTY EIGHT.
ADVISED THIS INDIVIDUAL DID NOT RESIDE AT ST. FRANCIS HOTEL.
MPSON DESCRIBED THIS INDIVIDUAL AS MALE CAUCASIAN, THIRTY
E TO FORTY, FIVE SEVEN TO FIVE EIGHT IN HEIGHT, ONE FORTY TO
FIFTY POUNDS, DARK HAIR COMBED BACK, NEAT, EYES POSSIBLY
K, SLENDER BUILD, DARK COMPLEXION, SLIGHTLY ACNE SCARRED,
KE WITH SLIGHT SOUTHERN ACCENT.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHO BROUGHT HARDIN TO HIS
ENTION DOES NOT WISH TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF. HE SAID HE
IEVES THIS INDIVIDUAL IS SUBJECT OF OUTSTANDING WARRANT FOR
E UNKNOWN OFFENSE. THOMPSON WAS ADVISED OF IMPORTANCE OF
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THIS MATTER AND, FURTHER, THAT HE COULD POSSIBLY BE SUBPOENAED
TO PROVIDE THE ABOVE INFORMATION. THOMPSON SAID HE MADE
A PROMISE TO THIS INDIVIDUAL WHICH HE FULLY INTENDS TO KEEP.
HE STATED IT WOULD TAKE COURT ACTION TO INDUCE HIM TO IDENTIFY
THIS INDIVIDUAL.

THOMPSON SAID THE INDIVIDUAL WHOM HE REFUSES TO
IDENTIFY SAID HE SAT NEXT TO JAMES EARL RAY, AKA ERIC STARVO GALT,
AND HARDIN. THOMPSON SAID THIS INDIVIDUAL MAINTAINED HE OVERHEARD
GALT CALL THE OTHER "J. C."

INDICES CHECK NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUES IN
EFFORT TO IDENTIFY THIS UNNAMED INDIVIDUAL.

FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED LEADS FOR NEW ORLEANS AND ATLANTA.

ONE. CREDIT AND CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION RE JAMES C. HARDIN.

TWO. REVIEW OF TELEPHONE RECORDS FOR AND LISTINGS FOR
JAMES C. HARDIN.

THREE. REVIEW POSSIBILITY OF ASCERTAINING ALL COLLECT
TELEPHONE CALLS FROM ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, LOS ANGELES NUMBERS
OUR SIX FOUR DASH ONE ONE THREE ONE, FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE
ONE ZERO ONE AND FOUR SIX TWO DASH NINE NINE ONE ZERO, TO
ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS.

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FOUR. REVIEW OF AIRLINE FLIGHT RECORDS FROM ATLANTA AND NEW ORLEANS FOR LOS ANGELES DURING PERIOD MARCH ONE LAST THROUGH MARCH SEVENTEEN LAST FOR NAME JAMES C. HARDIN.

LOS ANGELES FEELS THOMPSON, [REDACTED], SHOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE FEDERAL GRAND JURY AT LOS ANGELES TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF INDIVIDUAL WHO HE CLAIMS PROMPTED HIS RECOLLECTION OF EVENTS OR TO DETERMINE IF THIS MAY BE FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION. BUREAU REQUESTED TO ADVISE.

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